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Minutes

**Bureau of Pipefitters, Refrigeration Technicians and Sprinklerfitters
Department of Public Safety, Bldg B, 1380 Bay St., Taunton, MA 02780
October 16, 2013, 9:30 a.m.**

1. Meeting called to order by the Chairman at 9:50 a.m., followed by roll call:

Board Members Present:

Henry Geryk, Chairman
Michael Torchio
Mark Fortune
William Young
Pauline Lally
Frank Norton
John Viola

Board Members Not Present:

Dan Dumont
Leo Fahey
William Gallagher
Jennifer Revill

Guests Present:

Chief John Rogers, DPS
Caroline Torrisi, DPS
Cesar Lastra, DPS

2. The agenda for today's meeting was reviewed by members present; **a motion to accept the agenda was made by Mark Fortune, seconded by Bill Young, motion passed by unanimous vote.**
3. The minutes from the last meeting on September 18, 2013, were reviewed by members present.; **motion to adopt these minutes into record was made by Frank Norton, seconded by Mark Fortune, motion passed by unanimous vote.**
4. The following applications for licensure were considered by the Bureau:
 - a. Application from Guillermo Beltre Baez to sit for the Refrigeration Technician exam was considered, Mr. Beltre Baez was not present at this meeting. The Chairman noted that Mr. Baez had planned on attending this meeting, and that due to his unique professional background/experience, his presence to discuss his background is necessary for the Bureau to decide on his application. **Motion to table this application until the next meeting made by Mark Fortune, seconded by John Viola; motion passed by unanimous vote. * The Chairman will look into this further for the next meeting.**
 - b. A resume from Eric Tosi was presented to the Bureau by the Chairman for review as to what Mr. Tosi would need to do to successfully apply for RT. Members of the Bureau reviewed his resume, and agreed that he would have to attend the required training in order to be allowed to sit for RT.

5. Pipefitting Regulation Discussion: The Chairman moved to review the final draft of 528 CMR, which was passed out to the members at this meeting. (A recording of this discussion is available upon request) **Motion to approve the draft, as submitted, was made by Mark Fortune, seconded by Frank Norton; motion passed by unanimous vote.** From here, the draft regulation will be submitted for review/approval by the Building Code Coordinating Council. Also, draft Applications for Grandfathering were presented to the Bureau members to be discussed at the next meeting.
6. Mark Fortune brought up the matter of 'limited sprinklerfitting licenses'. As in Connecticut and Rhode Island, the members of the Mass Plumbing Board took a vote to move towards an 'unlimited license', in order to do sprinklerfitting work on combined systems, as opposed to stand-alone systems, in residential units. Chief Rogers explained that these are still plumbing systems, even if there is a sprinkler head installed.
7. There was brief discussion as to the appointment status of the members. Chief Rogers said that he would check on that.
8. This meeting was adjourned at 11:55am.

The next meeting of the Bureau of Pipefitters, Refrigeration Technicians, and Sprinklerfitters will tentatively be on Wednesday, November 13, 2013.